



The 3rd Meeting of the SWG on Neritic Tunas Stock Assessment in the SEA Waters

Policy Recommendations (adopted)

ASEAN Policy Endorsement

1. Further promote and strengthen the ASEAN RPOA-Neritic Tunas
2. Strengthen cooperation with the ASEAN Tuna Working Group
3. Raise the results of stock assessment of longtail tuna and kawakawa as agreed during the 3rd SWG-Neritic Tuna to ASWGFi

Improvement of Fisheries Management for Neritic Tunas Resources in Southeast Asia

1. Sustaining efforts of the AMSs on management of neritic tunas resources through the implementation of the ASEAN RPOA-Neritic Tunas
2. Management measures for neritic tunas of AMSs should be based on scientific information from ASEAN-SEAFDEC SWG-Neritic Tunas and compatible with RFMOs
3. Stock and risk assessment for longtail tuna and kawakawa should be carried out every 3 years based on updated data submission
4. Feasibility study for stock assessment of the frigate tuna, bullet tuna and seerfishes (*Scomberomorus guttatus* and *S. commerson*) should be carried out
5. Incorporate data collection into national fisheries policy and develop mechanism for improved data collection of neritic tunas
6. Application of the ASEAN Catch Documentation Scheme for improvement of data collection towards the conduct of stock assessment for target neritic tunas
7. Strengthen cooperation with regional/national agencies to build capacity (or conduct capacity building) on improvement of data collection on neritic tunas resources (*e.g.* onboard observer training, onsite training on species identification of neritic tunas, annual data validation, etc.)

Improvement of Fishery Information/data to Understand Stocks Status of Neritic Tunas Resources in Southeast Asia

1. Encourage AMSs to compile CPUE information for all fishing gears (purse seine, gillnet, trawl, etc.)
2. Improvement of CPUE standardization to make information comparable
3. Conduct genetic studies to improve understanding of neritic tunas stocks structure for management
4. Encourage timely data submission from participating countries into the SEAFDEC neritic tuna database/website
5. Encourage national core persons to conduct capacity building program/activity on stock assessment of neritic tunas in their respective countries